



Corpus
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Wokingham

South Berkshire Pastoral Area

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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8th March 2026: Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

“Are you hiding anything?” It’s an uncomfortable question that probably invites a heated denial from most of us; yet most of us are probably hiding something. We might be trying to shrug off a nagging guilt or an unforgiving sin. We might be trying to forget an episode in our lives where we behaved unwisely. We might be trying to cover up the agony of a failed relationship or putting a brave face on a lifetime of loneliness and rejection. How many of us are covering up weaknesses and flaws in our character? Most of us are trying to hide something, yet we would all acknowledge that burying something isn’t the best way to find healing or improvement.

The woman at the well in today’s gospel was struggling through life with a great deal of baggage. Firstly she was a woman with a lesser role in society, not only that, but a woman without a husband and to add insult to injury, a woman with a bad reputation. Secondly the woman was a Samaritan, a foreigner, and as such, regarded by most as a person to be avoided altogether. Jesus puzzles the woman. He is a man and a Jew, in other words, the very last person she would have expected to strike up a conversation. Life had taught the woman to expect something very different. Life had taught her to expect contempt and rejection. Is this why we keep our own failings under wraps? Do we also expect our friends family and work mates to be unforgiving and uncompromising if they knew the real us?

God’s love is like a sprinkler system spreading Christ’s unconditional life giving water without prejudice or judgement. Lent is the time to unravel all our hidden pain and set it before God. Lent is the time to take a leaf out of Jesus’ book, to see the pain in the lives of others and break down the barriers that society has built.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 7th March

4.45pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Fr Danny McAvoy’s Intentions*

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

9am *John and Julia Harrington RIP*

11am *Alberto Estares Sr RIP*

Tuesday 10th March - of the 3rd Week of Lent

7pm *Michelle Doria’s Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 11th March - of the 3rd Week of Lent

8.30am - 9.30am *Silent Adoration*

10am *Funeral Mass for Francis Whitehouse RIP*

Thursday 12th March - of the 3rd Week of Lent

9.30am *Alfonsina Azzopardi RIP*

8 - 9pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 13th March - of the 3rd Week of Lent

7.30am *Maria Nadworna RIP*

10am *Funeral Mass for Guiseppa Itta RIP*

7pm *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 14th March

4.45pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *For Deceased Members of the Deveraux and Ashworth Families*

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9am *Noeleen and Jim McGeehan RIP - 4th Anniversary*

11am *People of the Parish*

St Teresa’s Catholic Academy

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Parish Office Opening Times - Tuesday 10.00 to 14.00, Wednesday and Thursday 09.30 to 12.00, and Friday 10.00 to 14.00

Parish Administrator: Hannah Procter



Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, John Butterworth, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Jim Cuthbert, James Phillips, Rita King, Norma Pover, David Thomas, Derek Davey, Maria Howse and Carolyn Davies.

Corpus Christi Africa Fund Appeal

This Third Sunday of Lent, the Corpus Christi Africa Fund is appealing for your continued support in helping **Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School** in Nairobi. Please see the attached update for more information about the project, along with a donation form. Thank you in advance for any support you are able to give.



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Lenten Extras 2026

- 1. Friday Mass time Changes** - On the Fridays of Lent Mass will be at the earlier time of 7.30am. This gives those going to work or to school the opportunity to start the day with a time of quiet reflection.
- 2. Stations of the Cross** - On Fridays at 7pm why not come and walk the Way of the Cross as we recall Jesus' Passion and death?



CAFOD A better world needs all of us

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - THANK YOU for your generous support for this appeal, helping our neighbours, such as Rejoice in South Sudan and Shorai in Zimbabwe, grow food under increasingly difficult conditions.

The match-funding figure was reached with online giving by 1st March. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

LiveSimply

From Monday 9th March for one week, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away, **including recycling**. Together, we'll uncover the true

scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it.

Sign up here to take part <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up> - and find out how to record your count.



Open Day!



Little T's
Preschool
at St. Teresa's Catholic Academy

PLAY - LEARN - GROW

Monday 9th March

- See Little T's in action
- Meet the staff
- Make an enquiry
- See our children in action
- Ask any question!
- Let your child play

9:15am and 1:30pm

Book your space today!
0118 978 4310



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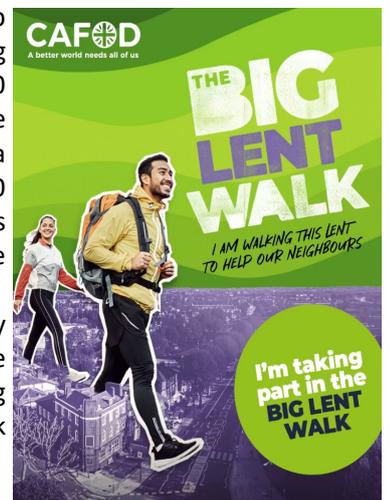


CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2026

The Corpus Christi Youth Group are taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026. During the 40 days of Lent, they will be walking, running, or strolling a total of 750km to raise £750.00 to support our neighbours around the world who are facing poverty.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. You can donate via the link below or by using the Dona machines at the back of the church.

[Corpus Christi YG The Big Lent](#)



Parish Panto Charity Donation

We raised an amazing £3,500.00 for the local charity **The Cowshed** through our parish pantomime this year. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to see our version of *Snow White* and supported the production.

Rest assured, no bunnies were harmed, and Queen Absinthe has promised to paint the scenery for next year's panto as part of her community service order!

If you would like to get involved in a future pantomime production, please contact parishpantocc@gmail.com - we are already planning next year's show and would love to welcome new volunteers.

Important Notice: Phishing Emails

Parishioners are advised that phishing emails are currently circulating that appear to come from members of the parish or clergy. These messages may ask you to click on a link, purchase gift cards, or send money urgently.

Please be vigilant. Do **not click on any links**, reply to the message, or send money if you receive an unexpected email of this kind. Our parish will **never request money or gift cards via email**.

If you receive a suspicious email claiming to be from the parish, please delete it and, if in doubt, contact the parish office directly to verify the message. Thank you for your care and vigilance in helping keep our parish community safe.



Lent Penitential Service and extra Confession times

A Penitential Service for the Pastoral Area with the opportunity for individual confession will be held at the Immaculate Conception church, Sandhurst on Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm. In addition, there will be extra times for confession on Saturdays at Corpus Christi: 21st, 28th March and 4th April from 11am to 12 Noon. Confession is also available every Saturday from 4.45pm until 5.20pm. Please use these opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday Mass – 9:00am and 11:00am

Children's Liturgy takes place during the Sunday Mass at both 9:00am and 11:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience and reflect on the Gospel in a more relaxed and child-friendly environment.

Children are welcome to attend up until the time they begin preparing for their First Holy Communion. Any child who is not yet of school age must be accompanied by an adult. We kindly ask that an adult, rather than an older sibling, accompanies children, as all children under the age of 18 must be included in our safeguarding ratio numbers.

Please remember to complete the **registration form available in the church porch**.



Praying the Rosary



The Rosary will be prayed after Morning Mass each Wednesday, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis. All are warmly welcome to attend.

The Thursday Group

Refreshments will be available in the Keenan Rooms next **Thursday (12th March)** from 10am. Please join us for a catchup with old friends and/or come and make some new ones.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

Bishop Philip has announced the 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. The pilgrimage will start at London Heathrow on **Monday 6th July and run until Friday 10th July**.

If you would like to know more about joining the Bishop in Lourdes this year click [here](#) for a booking form or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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Mass Intentions



If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office. Please detail who the Mass is to be offered for together with your name and contact details. Often Mass Intentions are for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g., in thanksgiving for some happy event, for someone who is sick. It is traditional, though totally without obligation, to make an offering (a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends make up part of a priest's annual income.

Job Vacancies - Please follow the link for details of our [current vacancies](#) in the Diocese of Portsmouth and how to apply.



ATTENTION

Children **should not** go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at **all** times. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Financial Support of our Parish

To support the parish financially please consider setting up a monthly standing order. If you are a tax payer and can help further by using 'Gift Aid', please ask the parish office for a form.

Bank Details:

A/c Name: CDP Wokingham Corpus Christi,

Sort Code: 30-93-04,

A/c No: 00891666

Or if you prefer not to have a regular standing order, please consider using the digital collection plates or the QR code.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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